12th January 1954. As the work has not yet been completed, the Collector has retained the staff and has submitted proposals for the further continuance of the staff. The proposal is under the consideration of the Revenue Department.''

Promotion of Deputy Collectors belonging to Scheduled Caste as Collectors.

* 439 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Deputy Collectors promoted as Collectors in the year 1953; and

(*b*) the number of Harijan Deputy Collectors, if any, so promoted and the number of Harijan Deputy Collectors available for promotion during that period?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Chief Minister) :—'' (*a*) Eight Deputy Collectors were promoted as Collectors and to equivalent posts during 1953.

'' (*b*) Of the eight Deputy Collectors promoted during 1953, one belonged to the Scheduled Caste. A Deputy Collector becomes available for promotion as Collector when he has attained sufficient experience and made good record in his work. Actual promotion depends also on suitable vacancies. It may be presumed that the promotion of one Deputy Collector belonging to the Scheduled Caste satisfied these conditions. It is once again to be deprecated that questions based on the idea of communal representation in making promotions in the Public Services are raised on the floor of this House.''

Construction of houses for Harijans in the City of Madras.

* 440 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for
11 a.m. Animal Husbandry be pleased to state the number of houses proposed to be built for the Harijans in the City of Madras in the year 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—'' There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.''

Construction of a dam at Udayvar in South Kanara district.

* 441 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a dam across the river at Udayvar at Shirva in Nadibettur village in South Kanara?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' The question is being examined by the Public Works Department.''